

REMARKS

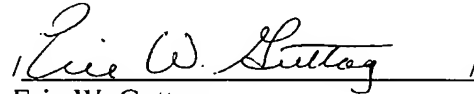
Applicants respectfully request that the above application be reconsidered, as amended. Claims 1-30 are currently pending and are in condition for allowance.

After receiving the Notice of Allowance of November 8, 2004, Applicants reviewed the above application and realized that the invention disclosed and claimed in the above application was not made with the support of federal funding, and that statement on page 1 regarding federally sponsored research was therefore erroneously included in the above application.. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the specification at page 1 to delete any reference to this statement, and therefore request that these amendments be entered so that the above application will issue with this corrected specification.

Applicants have also reviewed the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance and have nothing further to add thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

For: Irene SPITSBERG et al

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